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SUBJECT: Matters Related to Intelligence in CLOUD GAP Field Test CG-12

REFERENCE: CLOUD GAP Field Test CG-12, OBSERVATION POSTS, Preliminary Test Plan Outline, 27 September 1963 (C)

1. The referenced ACDA document outlines various procedures and responsibilities associated with a set of proposed field tests to be conducted by ACDA, an ACDA contractor (North American Aviation) and the Department of Defense. The plan involves the observation of a number of US military exercises to be conducted during the period, November 1963 through January 1964. On the basis of these observations, some specific plans will be developed with respect to the composition and size of ground post inspection teams, types of equipment and operating procedures. These in turn will be tested against a large US exercise, code-named Desert Strike, which is to take place in February 1964. The plan also envisages tests of the inspection system against small-scale evasion exercise conducted on behalf of ACDA.

2. The test plan outline implies assistance from the intelligence community. One of the key elements of the inspection plan is the planning investigation phase which is to run concurrently with the field exercises. This phase focuses on two aspects of intelligence: collection of information and production of positive intelligence. With respect to collection, the intention is to investigate "techniques and equipment for sensing and observation" and involves a wide variety of radar, infra-red, photographic, acoustic and seismic sensors. With respect to positive intelligence, ACDA plans "a determination of surprise attack indicators, the "investigation of Soviet military practices in military mobilization movement and deployment", and "a study of transportation and other environmental features within the Warsaw Pact countries." In an annex on the availability of

existing information, ACDA notes that "the classified 'indicator' lists in the intelligence community ... will be invaluable in providing information as to exactly what observable items may be reported" by a field team. This annex also anticipates that "close collaboration with the intelligence community in the planning phase of CG-12 will result in much information and experience being available to test planners." The only direct reference to arranging for assistance from the intelligence community seems to be the inclusion of one DIA man in the 15-man DOD team requested by ACDA for the planning phase.

3. CG-12 is to be discussed at a meeting of the CLOUD GAP Steering Committee meeting scheduled for 9 October. I will raise the problem of the use of established channels for requesting assistance from the intelligence community. The participation of an ACDA contractor (North American Aviation) in the planning phase raises some questions of making various types of intelligence information available. Unless instructed otherwise, I will tell the committee that release of intelligence information to a contractor will depend on several elements -- the classification of the information requested, the sources of this information, and certification by ACDA that the contractor has a need to know.

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